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1. In January 1950, the administration of the Jachymov Mines began hauling equipment to Jeleni Boudy, in the Krkonose Mountains. The whole area around Jeleni Boudy was closed, and tourists were banned.
2. Work is being carried out there under the direct supervision of Soviet technicians from Jachymov. The military garrison in Vrchlabi (O 51/G 55) guards the area.
3. Twelve drill rigs were brought to the Jeleni Boudy area from Jachymov. A drill rig consists of three props form (sic) set up on a base, about 15 meters high in all. The drill is from four to six meters long, with a diameter of 65 mm. and a wall 8 mm. thick; it drills a hole of 30 mm. internal diameter.
4. Five people work on one rig, and an average of 70 cm. to one meter a day is drilled. A sample from each meter is sent to the Research Institute in Prague. It is believed that uranium ore was found at a depth of 150 meters in the fall of 1951. The Soviet technicians have declared that the ore was poorer than that at Jachymov, but that it would still be worth mining.
5. After the entire area had been tested, the drill rigs were returned to Jachymov and the Jeleni Boudy district was again opened to the public.
6. Exactly when actual mining began is not known, but in 1952 a great deal of preparatory work and mining was going on. The maintenance workshop of Frantisek Windra at Vrchlabi was moved to Kuncice, about three kilometers south of Vrchlabi, and it now employs about ten people there, who assemble trucks for the mines.
7. A relatively good road runs from Vrchlabi to Jeleni Boudy, and minor improvements have been made, making this road suitable for heavy traffic.
8. Experimental drillings have been made all over the Krkonose area; for example, ore samples were sent to Prague for testing from the Cerny Dul Mine, where manganese ore was mined until about 1900. In this case it is unlikely, however, that ore will be mined in large quantities, because the transportation of the ore to Vrchlabi by road would be very expensive.

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9. A laboratory is to be built in Kunice for testing and grading the ore on the spot. This will eliminate the necessity of transporting the ore to Jachymov.

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